

Torrance, California
January 25, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, January 25, 1955, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Drale presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Schwab and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:
Isen. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Drale, Mr. Gordon Arnold led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Taylor opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of January 18, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2

Clerk Bartlett read the following letter from City Engineer Bishop, by Assistant to City Engineer Patrick:

"I am submitting herewith petitions for the creating of a 1911 Act Sewer District in the Hollywood Riviera section to be known as Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2. There are 691 lots in this district, with petitions representing 354 signers, or 51.23%.

"Also submitted are the following:

"1. A map showing lots colored to represent the parcels whose owners have signed the petitions for this district.

"2. A letter from the County Health Department dated January 17, 1955, in which they recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the construction of sanitary sewers in this district. This letter must be read, and spread in full on the minutes of the Council meeting.

"3. Resolutions necessary for the creating of said District."

Councilman Blount moved the letter, map and petitions be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved the letter from the County of Los Angeles Health Department be read in full and spread in full on the minutes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

"COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
241 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles 12, California

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"January 17, 1955

"Honorable City Council
City of Torrance
City Hall
Torrance, California

Attention: Mr. John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer

Gentlemen:

Subject: Sanitary Sewers - Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer
District No. 2

"I, the undersigned Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, who have been officially designated by the City Council to perform public health services for the City of Torrance, recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the construction of sanitary sewers in that portion of the City of Torrance, known as the Hollywood-Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 2, as shown on the attached map.

"This recommendation is made pursuant to the provision of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

"This Department has made an investigation of the Hollywood-Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 2, as outlined in red on the attached map.

"During the course of this investigation, 122 house-to-house calls were made. Of this number, 51 occupants were not at home or did not answer the door. Out of the 71 property owners or tenants actually contacted, 18 or 25% reported that they have had trouble with their private sewage disposal systems. They complained of the seepage pits filling up or caving in; also the necessity of frequent pumping of the pits or the installation of new seepage pits. Such trouble is inherent with the use of seepage pits in areas such as this where the soil does not provide good leaching action. The soil is a fine beach sand. This fine sand sifts into the pits through the spaces between the brick lining of the pit and either causes the pit to fill with sand or to cave in.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ Roy O. Gilbert, M. D.
ROY O. GILBERT, M. D.
Health Officer

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cc: 2 - City Council
John R. Patrick
Dr. R. O. Gilbert
Dr. B. A. Kogan, Torrance Health Center."

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2677

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT
A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER
DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IS NECESSARY
AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2677. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2678

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS OUTLINED IN DRAWING NO. 8332, PREPARED BY BARNETT, HOPEN AND SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2678. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following communication from City Engineer Bishop, by Assistant to City Engineer Patrick:

"In conjunction with the proposed Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2, I asked Barnett, Hopen and Smith, Assessment Engineers, to give us an estimate on the amount of monies it would take for the assessment work pertaining to this district. Attached is a copy of their reply in which they state that it would run about \$3,900.00.

"I would like to recommend that Barnett, Hopen and Smith be retained as Assessment Engineers on this project since they are familiar with this area and I feel that their charge is less than it would cost the City for this office to do the assessment work.

"A resolution is attached hereto, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement between Barnett, Hopen and Smith, for adoption if you concur in the recommendation of the Engineer's Office."

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Engineer's Office. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following communication from Barnett, Hopen and Smith:

"In response to your request for an estimate of the cost of all the necessary work and the preparation of all the required documents for the "1911 Act" proceedings for the above proposed assessment district, in the City of Torrance, we quote you the following costs.

"An estimate of the charges for our work on the proposed proceedings shows a total of \$3900.00 and we are reasonably certain that, on the hourly basis, the cost would not exceed this amount. Our terms are as follows:

"Office Work, Consultations, etc. at \$4.50 per man hour, or \$36.00 per eight hour day. All equipment and ordinary supplies are included. Travel time is included in the hourly rate.

"Blueprints, etc. will be billed at our cost, as will assessment forms, bond forms, bond register sheets, etc.

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"We will prepare the necessary documents, furnish requisite instructions to the various offices as to their activities, attend Council meetings, when and if desired by the Council or by the City Engineer, prepare the assessment roll, bonds and bond register and render any other assistance desired on the basis outlined above."

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2679

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BARNETT, HOPEN AND SMITH.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2679. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Proposed Del Amo Boulevard Improvement District:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2680

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DEDICATING LOT 3, THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF LOTS 4 TO 34 INCLUSIVE, AND THE WESTERLY 10 FEET OF LOTS 1, 2, 86 AND 87; OF TRACT NO. 9901 FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES; ACCEPTING SUCH DEDICATION ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY AND OF THE PUBLIC; AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTION, AND CHANGING THE NAME OF A PORTION OF MADRID AVENUE.

Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2680. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Report of Franchise earnings from the General Petroleum Corporation for the period November 1, 1953, to October 31, 1954, under Ordinance Nos. 179, 781 and 351, total amount \$799.31.

Councilman Benstead moved the report be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of Crippled Children's Society for permission to place coin containers in the City during the Easter Seal Campaign period, March 10th to April 10th, 1955.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Application of City Taxi Company (Mrs. Bernhardt W. Dowander) for taxicab permit, location - 1627 Cabrillo Avenue, accompanied by authorization for stand signed by Chief of Police W. H. Haslam.

Councilman Benstead moved the permit be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from Mrs. Barbara Byrd, 529 Via La Selva, Hollywood Riviera, violently protesting the Rolling Hills annexation.

Communication from Mrs. J. G. Routh, Corresponding Secretary, Madrona P. T. A. requesting the City Council to weigh the annexation problem with thought and consideration.

Mayor Drale moved these communications be referred to the Planning Commission annexation file. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from Mrs. J. G. Routh, Corresponding Secretary, Madrona P. T. A., expressing their appreciation for the manner in which the City Council has handled the comic book situation.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Recreation Commission requesting that a delegate from the Commission be authorized to attend the Recreation Conference in Santa Cruz, February 13-16, and that the expenses of the delegate be paid.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted and appropriate expenses allowed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from the Recreation Commission requesting the City Council to accept the donation of a piano offered to the City by Mr. Clyde W. Linton and Mrs. Emily I. Linton of Hollywood Riviera, for use in the Recreation Hall at El Retiro Park for residents of that area.

Councilman Benstead moved the City accept the gift and that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the donors. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of Fire Chief Benner that all ordinances be distributed to the departments concerned.

City Clerk Bartlett advised this is now being done. Mayor Drale stated that as soon as the ordinances are codified it will help all departments.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, for permission to conduct survey and soil tests on portions of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

City Manager Stevens recommended the request be granted.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of Fire Chief Benner to attend the Pacific Coast Inter-Mountain Fire Chiefs' Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho.

City Manager Stevens said a policy should be set regarding these requests. He stated he could make a survey of all departments and commissions and see what is coming up this year so the Council could be guided, a policy could be established and everyone would be treated alike.

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Councilman Schwab moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to make this survey. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Petition signed by residents of the 1700 block on Cabrillo Avenue protesting the One-Hour parking regulation on this block.

Councilman Schwab moved the petition be referred to the Traffic Commission for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Councilman Benstead suggested a residence sticker or something similar be provided for the residents in that area.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. Raymond H. Bynum was appointed to serve his probationary period as Janitor, effective January 17, 1955, in the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List.)

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item one, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the City Manager be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of three lots at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway as a site for the South Torrance Fire Station.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item one, under Miscellaneous. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. That the Pacific Telephone Company be authorized to make a survey of the City's radio communication requirements to determine the feasibility of leasing such equipment; the survey to be made without obligation to the City.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item two, Miscellaneous. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Suggested rate schedules for collection of refuse in the City of Torrance.

City Manager Stevens advised this was submitted for study only.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from the Airport Commission regarding lease for the Little League.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed for the present time and City Manager Stevens authorized to write to the Airport Commission advising them of the request of the Government for a site and that all leases be held up until this is settled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

2. Communication from the Airport Commission submitting proposed ordinance providing for the establishment and appointment of an Airport Commission.

Councilman Blount moved the ordinance be referred to the City Attorney to be put in proper form and presented at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication signed by George Powell, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising the Planning Commission at their regular meeting held on January 19, 1955, unanimously recommended approval of request of Gale A. Ford, 26315 Alta Vista, Harbor City, for waiver of front setback for Lot 17, Block L, Tract 10304 from 20' to 10' for a garage, per letter and plot plan submitted to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred back to the Planning Commission for the regular form and recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

2. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 20624, consisting of 45 lots to be developed by the Kauffman Construction Company, southerly of 182nd Street, westerly and northerly of Tract No. 17560; this transmittal form was accompanied by letter from City Engineer Bishop, by Assistant to City Engineer Patrick, dated January 18, 1955, recommending approval from an engineering standpoint.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Final Tract Map No. 20624, and that the letter accompanying the transmittal be filed as a matter of record with this tract map. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 21036, consisting of 37 lots to be developed by Hazel F. Norris, on either side of Ainsworth Avenue, northerly of 174th Street; this transmittal form was accompanied by letter from City Engineer Bishop, by Assistant to City Engineer Patrick, dated November 30, 1954, recommending approval from an engineering standpoint.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 21036 with the inclusion of letter signed by Mr. Patrick, dated November 30, 1954, and providing particular attention is made to Condition No. 14: Drainage. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read the following communication signed by Assistant to City Engineer Patrick, dated January 21, 1955, Re: Tract No. 16133 - Quitclaim of Easements.

"In the approval of Tract No. 16133, which was a reversion to acreage of a portion of Tract No. 15757, said tract located at the southwesterly corner of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, it was necessary that the City vacate the alleys and streets that fell within this area.

"At that time a reservation of easements was retained. The Community Airports, Inc. has requested that these reservations be removed so that they may proceed with the negotiations for business in this area. Therefore, I am submitting herewith a quitclaim deed and a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said quitclaim deed, to remove any easements now of record."

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2681

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE OWNERS OF RECORD OF TRACT NO. 16133 OF ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS RESERVED IN ORDINANCE OF VACATION NO. 636 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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A general discussion was held as to why this deed was necessary and the exact location of this property.

Councilman Blount moved the communication and Resolution be held over until the next meeting for clarification. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

5. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 19723, consisting of 38 lots to be developed by Earnest Giese, northerly of 182nd Street, easterly of Crenshaw Boulevard and westerly of Casimir Avenue; this transmittal form was accompanied by letter signed by Assistant to City Engineer Patrick, dated January 5, 1955, stating his office would recommend approval from an engineering standpoint.

Councilman Blount remarked that there was no entrance. Mayor Drale said there was one entrance off of 182nd Street, which is only a 40' street, and that from Casimir to Crenshaw there must be at least 3 streets running North and South and yet in this whole subdivision there is only one. Mayor Drale suggested they eliminate a couple of lots and make room for a street.

Mr. George Powell advised this was presented to the Planning Commission this afternoon in order that the Council could take action on it tonight before the one year's expiration date, which is January 26, 1955. In the Planning Commission motion to approve this map it was stated they did not consider this a good map but because it is a hardship case wished to recommend it to the Council for approval. Mr. Powell stated the Commission had made two stipulations in approving this, (1) that the secretary of the Planning Commission be instructed to see to it that no further subdivisions be allowed to the West or South without providing a North and South street to cut off the end of those cul-de-sacs, and (2) that there be no more subdivisions where streets exceed 600' in length without an intersecting street. Mr. Powell said the designation on this tract map is almost 600' so they are within the subdivision ordinance. This tract map was presented to the Planning Commission this afternoon because by tomorrow a decision must be rendered, otherwise they must start all over again, at quite a cost and inconvenience to the subdivider.

Councilman Blount said he did not think this map would be any better tomorrow than it was today and moved it be denied.

City Manager Stevens stated there was a tract immediately to the North of this tract in which the same situation exists and they had followed that idea.

Mr. Powell advised this was originally presented to the Planning Commission in August of 1953, it was denied and referred back for revision, it came in and was approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council in January of 1954 and since that time they have been attempting to acquire additional land from the Moneta Water Company to try and improve this piece of property.

Councilman Blount withdrew his motion for denial. He inquired who will supply water to this tract. He was advised this has not been provided for yet.

Mayor Drale said he felt that even if they couldn't purchase the property adjoining, or the one lot, that they could eliminate four lots and make a street and do away with the cul-de-sac, and at least show there will be a street there some day.

Councilman Blount said it is unfortunate that subdividers and engineering firms come into our City with small pieces of land and it is unfortunate that they can't acquire enough land to make a good subdivision but as this stands now it is not a good subdivision.

After a general discussion, Councilman Blount moved this tract map be held over until next week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 2682

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF CERTAIN STATE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS ON THE CIVIC CENTER SITE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANTING TO THE CITY PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND LOCATED IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Mayor Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2682. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Drale moved City Manager Stevens forward a copy of Resolution No. 2682 to Hon. Vincent Thomas. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

RESOLUTION NO. 2683

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOMMENDING AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF STATE OIL REVENUES.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2683. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Drale moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to forward a copy of Resolution No. 2683 to Hon. Vincent Thomas. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

RESOLUTION NO. 2684

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO VARIOUS OWNERS OF RECORD.

As this was not on the agenda the Council inquired if there was a rush for this Resolution.

City Attorney Hall advised that Mr. McVicar had requested this to clear title to certain property Mr. Kissel wants to develop and the so-called right-of-way is of no value to the City and it was Mr. McVicar's recommendation that the City quitclaim in order to clear the title.

Councilman Benstead moved this Resolution be referred to the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

ORDINANCE NO. 729

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 336.

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Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 729 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett inquired what disposition was to be made of the communication from Vivian G. Cool of Hollywood Riviera regarding easements, which the Council discussed at the Agenda meeting.

Mayor Drale moved the communication be referred to City Attorney Hall for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Attorney Hall advised that Notice of Appeal was filed in the case that involved a Variance for mortuary purposes and he wanted to recommend to the City Council that the real party in interest should bear the costs on Appeal. Mr. Hall said he did not think the City should spend that money and requested the Council's permission to try and collect these costs for the City.

Councilman Blount moved City Attorney Hall's request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount stated that in line with the policy announced by Mayor Drale, he would move the problem of the Rolling Hills Annexation be transferred to the Planning Commission for the necessary hearings. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Councilman Blount inquired as to the status of the discussion regarding the Moneta Water Company.

City Attorney Hall advised he has completed the research but he has not completed the drafting of what we will have to do in order to initiate this particular type of condemnation.

Councilman Blount requested the City Council to ask the City Attorney to make this his number one item on the agenda, and, if it can't be done, that the City so advise these people.

Mayor Drale requested City Attorney Hall to handle this matter as soon as possible.

City Attorney Hall said this type of thing requires considerable draftmanship, you just can't accomplish it overnight.

Mr. R. C. Herrick inquired what answer the Airport Commission could give the Little League. Mayor Drale advised they had met with the Council prior to their meeting tonight and that City Manager Stevens would write to the Commission giving them all the details regarding this matter that he could.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 9:15 P.M., Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance